

2018 NVRA UPDATES



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NEW CALIFORNIA VOTER REGISTRATION CARD

Starting in April of 2018, the Secretary of State will release a new version of the Voter Registration Card. In April, be sure to check out the newly updated NVRA training materials including the new VRC at <http://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/voter-registration/nvra/training/>.

VOTER'S CHOICE ACT (SB 450)

The California Voter's Choice Act is a new law passed in 2016 that will modernize elections in California. The Voter's Choice Act establishes a new model for counties to allow voters to choose how, when, and where to cast their ballot by: mailing every voter a ballot, expanding in-person early voting, and by opening vote centers for all voters within their county. For the 2018 elections, Madera, Napa, Nevada, Sacramento, and San Mateo counties will kick start this process of modernizing the elections process in California. For more information about the Voter's Choice Act, please visit <http://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/voters-choice-act/>.

PRE-REGISTER AT 16. VOTE AT 18.

Voter pre-registration is now available for eligible 16 and 17 year olds by visiting RegisterToVote.ca.gov or by filling out a paper voter registration application. California youth who pre-register to vote will be automatically registered to vote on their 18th birthday. Pre-registration does not change the voting age, which is 18 years old. Instead, it allows eligible Californians ages 16 or 17 to pre-register, providing sufficient time and opportunity to get ready to vote.

Be sure to provide the voter registration application to any applicant or participant 16 years old or older. Follow the same process as you would for any other voter registration application to ensure your office site will receive NVRA credit for these transactions. Like typical registrations, it is not the responsibility of local agency staff to determine voter eligibility. Rather, inform the applicant of the voter registration requirements. If completed, simply collect the voter registration application and submit it to your County Elections Office within 3 calendar days. For more information regarding pre-registration please visit www.sos.ca.gov/elections/pre-register-16-vote-18 or find contact information for your County Elections Office contact at www.sos.ca.gov/elections/voting-resources/county-elections-offices.

REVIEW UPDATED TRAINING MATERIALS

All staff at NVRA reporting agencies must participate in annual NVRA training. We encourage all NVRA coordinators to visit the Secretary of State's resources page to access the newly updated training materials, FAQs, NVRA Basics Quick Reference Sheet, and many more useful tools. If assistance with providing annual training to local agency staff is necessary, please contact the Secretary of State's NVRA Team or the County Elections NVRA Coordinator. Training materials can be found at www.sos.ca.gov/elections/voter-registration/nvra/training.

WHEN IS MY NEXT LOCAL ELECTION ?

To find information about upcoming elections in your area please visit <http://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/upcoming-elections/>.

For more information please contact the Secretary of State's NVRA Team via email at nvra@sos.ca.gov or call 916-657-2166.